

in a speech at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, said with respect to Social Security, "There is no trust fund, just IOUs." On February 16, 2005, at a meeting in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the President again made the claim that there is not a Social Security trust.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the people of this country have a right to know that the money that is put into that Social Security trust fund is safe; and the President, with his remarks, has put that in question and in doubt.

Two weeks ago, the Social Security Administration issued a report saying that all of the money there is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Do we no longer have faith in our country's financial obligations?

This is the time for Congress to step forward and back H. Resolution 170 that demands the President transmit information to the House backing up his claim that there is no trust fund.

THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT DIE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on International Relations, I rise to express a word of humble welcome to one of freedom's men in the former Soviet Union, President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine, who addressed a joint session of Congress just moments ago.

Like the democracy's Orange Revolution that he personifies, President Yushchenko is the man who would not die. He survived the toxic machinations of those who see freedom as a threat. And those wicked men were right: freedom in the Ukraine and their brave President are a threat to every form of tyranny against the minds of men and women in that ancient land.

It is all together fitting that the capital of democracy on planet Earth welcomed one of its first 21st century heroes to these hallowed halls.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNC TAR HEELS

(Mr. MCINTYRE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, 4 weeks ago this coming Friday, in this very well, there was a group of young men that came from the Old Well in Chapel Hill to tour these hallowed halls of Congress. On Monday night, those young men won the National Basketball Championship, the University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

They came here and spent time with us and looked at this wonderful place and performed like champions Monday

night. As a double graduate of the University of North Carolina myself, but more importantly I was there in St. Louis with my two sons who are currently students at UNC and who know several of the players, we want to extend from the halls of Congress our congratulations to the University of North Carolina Tar Heels and wish them Godspeed.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. HENSARLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, Social Security has been a vital program for America's retirees for many years. Unfortunately, it is a system that was designed in 1935, not 2005.

I have a personal stake in Social Security. My parents are in their 70s. They depend upon Social Security as part of their retirement. But I am also the father of two small children, and I owe them no less retirement security tomorrow than my parents enjoy today.

Unfortunately, fewer workers, more retirees, and longer life spans will bankrupt Social Security. We must work together to save the system, which can be done without changing benefits or raising taxes on current and near retirees. Instead, we can give younger workers the opportunity to voluntarily invest some of their payroll taxes in personal retirement accounts that they can own, which will grow over time and which Washington cannot take away.

By allowing them to do this and build their own nest eggs, and by protecting the Social Security surpluses from being raided in Washington, we can keep the promise of Social Security for the next generation of Americans.

RAIDING OF SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the President visited the Bureau of Public Debt and promptly announced "There is no Social Security trust fund, just a bunch of IOUs stacked in an old filing cabinet."

Well, that may be an old filing cabinet to you, Mr. President; but to middle-class Americans that is their lifetime retirement savings. It may be filled with just IOUs to you, but when you borrowed \$700 billion from that trust fund, it was a very opportune filing cabinet because you stuck your hand in there and took \$700 billion from the Social Security trust fund to use. It was not an old filing cabinet. It was not just a bunch of IOUs.

Those are the taxes that Americans put away; the resources they put away for their life savings, and that is how every President and every Congress has treated it. It is the obligation of this Congress to strengthen Social Security, not to weaken it.

For middle-class Americans and for everybody who is saving for their retirement, it is high time we begin to strengthen Social Security by paying back the \$700 billion you have borrowed from it. And if you want to talk about IOUs, the IOUs we have run up, which is nearly \$2 trillion in debt that now Communist China and Japan own and are our bankers, that would be a good place to see where the IOUs are.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is no wonder that during my recent town hall meetings Georgians made their feelings on illegal immigration crystal clear. Look at the statistics. The illegal alien population in this country has now reached close to 11 million, and that is only what the government will admit. Georgia ranks in the top 10, with nearly one quarter million illegal aliens living in our State. This is not a problem we can simply ignore.

It is time to strengthen our border security and to enforce the law. Illegal aliens cost our society greatly. Our public education system and our health care system are choking. The costs are spiraling upward, and American taxpayers are paying the bills.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, allowing illegal aliens to stay here is a slap in the face to those who followed the law, waited in line, and entered this country legally. My constituents are right, and we must do more.

This year the House has passed the REAL ID Act, which is a great start, but it is only a start. I urge the Senate to adopt this act and all my colleagues to join together to strengthen our immigration laws and their enforcement.

UNC NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, how fitting it is today that the skies are Carolina blue. We are still